

AN ORDINANCE BY LEE MORRIS, CLAIR MULLER AND JIM MADDOX AS SUBSTITUTED BY THE CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE

A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 138, STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PLACES, ARTICLE III, SECTION 138-66 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITY WILL INCUR THE COSTS OF PAVING UNIMPROVED STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF ATLANTA, RATHER THAN ASSESS THE COSTS AGAINST THE ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has the authority to regulate the occupation and use of the public Streets; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the Streets are valuable public resources that have required and will continue to require substantial investment by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City does desire to manage the Streets and provide for an orderly process by which affected persons may utilize them; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to create paved surfaces which minimize the inconvenience and disruption to the public as well as damage to motor vehicles traveling along the City Streets; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works needs to conduct and maintain an inventory of the unimproved streets within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, any unimproved street not feasibly able to be paved should be abandoned by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Section 138-66 "Cost and fees of street paving by city assessed against abutting property owners," which currently reads as follows:

"Whenever any street or part thereof in the city is paved by direction of the council, there shall be added to the total assessable cost of the work a fee for inspection and engineering services furnished by the city, and the total of cost and fee shall be assessed against the abutting property owner. The fee shall be retained by the chief financial officer to cover the cost of inspection and engineering services. The fee shall be established by ordinance and may be found in the city's rules and regulations."

Be, and is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Cost and fees of street paving incurred by city.

- (a) The Department of Public Works shall maintain an inventory of the unimproved streets within the Atlanta City limits.
- (b) Whenever any unimproved street, or part thereof, as identified by the inventory maintained by the Department of Public Works, in accordance with Section 138-66(a), is originally paved by direction of the council, the total cost of the work, including the fee for inspection and engineering services furnished by the city, shall be borne by the city and shall not be assessed against the abutting property owner.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed, to the extent of said conflict.

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